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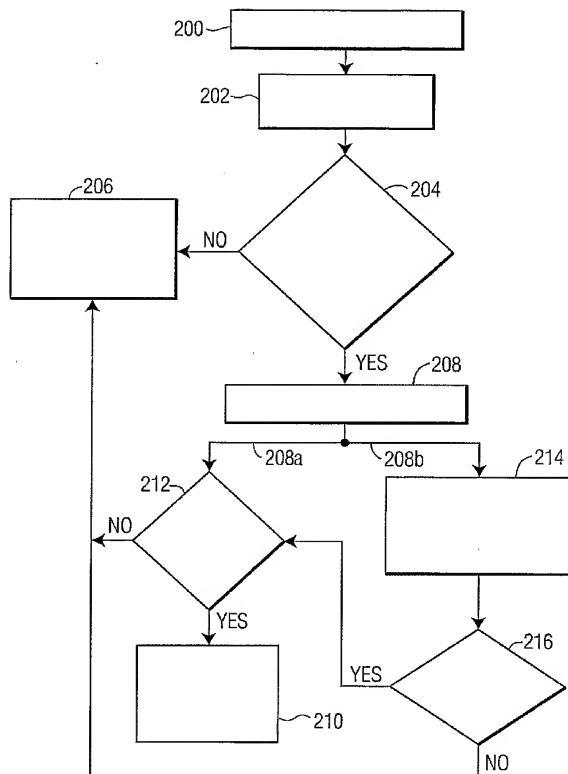
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(57) Abstract: A method for enhancing a usage of a telephone (100) is provided. The method including: receiving an incoming call; detecting an ambient noise level; and enhancing the incoming call to make it more understandable by a recipient of the incoming call where the detected ambient noise level is greater than a predetermined threshold noise level. The enhancing can include automatically amplifying a loudness of the incoming call to the recipient of the incoming call and/or converting the incoming call to text and displaying the text to the recipient of the incoming call.

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